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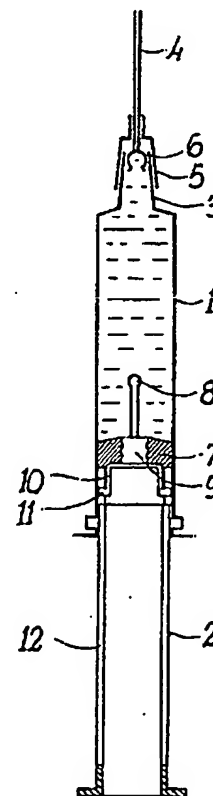
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(54) Title: SAFETY (SECURITY) SYRINGE

## (57) Abstract

A hypodermic syringe is disclosed providing means for preventing reuse. After completion of an injection at the end of the injection stroke a fixing male element (8) protruding distally from the piston head (7; 9) engages the needle end by snapping in into a female fixing element (6) connected thereto. During an attempted refilling of the syringe by another dosis of medicament the needle (4) is disconnected from its coupling element (5) and retracted into the syringe cylinder (1). The piston head also includes locking means consisting of two elastically biased wings (11) irreversibly engageable in coinciding seats provided at the end of the cylinder wall.



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DescriptionSafety (security) syringe

This innovation has as object a security syringe and more particularly a syringe provided with a mechanism which consents to avoid, after its normal use, the risk of infection, accidentally or unvuntarily, by the needle.

The problem faced by this is resolved by the object of this innovation, is surely one of the most topical, and its dramaticism is increasing little by little with the spreading of diseases which are transmitted by blood.

It happens always more often to hear of cases of people who caught diseases simply wounded accidentally with a needle of a syringe.

That matter, the actual structure of the mon use syringe is such, unless the person who makes use of it, is not particularly concientious and afterwards covers the needle, after the infiltration, with its proper cap, the needles are throwing away without any protection, and that's why they become a real danger.

In this context, also in the light of the extreme dangerousness of the diseases which are contracted in this way, the importance of the syringe, proposed according this innovation, appears obviously, which forsees a mechanism by which, after having carried out the normal infiltration, the needle is coupled by the piston of the syringe and then drawn back inside the cylinder, so that the possibility of any subsequent contact with a person by the needle, is avoided.

This innovation made up by a specific object, a mon-use syringe, comprising a cylinder, open on the back end, a piston, sliding internally in the above mentioned cylinder, and a needle, able to be coupled,

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to the front-end, of the above-mentioned cylinder, by a male-coupling system, provided on the cylinder, female, provided on the needle, which consents the passing of the liquid from the cylinder to the needle, the above  
5 mentioned needle is provided, on the back end, coinciding with the above-mentioned female-coupling, of a further coupling-element for fixing, and is so coupled with the above-mentioned female-element that it can slid towards the inside of the cylinder, and where on the front-  
10 end of the above-mentioned piston a fixing-coupling is provided,, able to be coupled when the piston arrives the end of his stroke forwards on the inside of the cylinder, with the above-mentioned further coupling element for fixing the needle, so to draw back the  
15 needle itself into the inside of the cylinder during his back-stroke.

In a preferred form of realization of the syringe according the innovation, the above-mentioned fixing coupling can be disposed on the piston by a support  
20 provided with fastening-craft on the lower-terminal part of the inside wall of the cylinder, at the end of the return-stroke of the piston, so to avoid the possibility to re-extract the needle out of the cylinder.

25 Particularly, the above-mentioned fastening craft may be constituted by two elastic wings, provided on the lower-side with relieves that are coupled with coinciding seats carried out on the wall of the cylinder.

30 The above-mentioned fixing-coupling support can be disposed on the above-mentioned piston in an uncoupled way, so that when the fixing with the inside wall has taken place, the piston can slid towards the inside of the cylinder, leaving in fixed position the  
35 whole coupling-support for fixing the needle, in this case, the piston is provided with external grooves which consent the sliding over the above-mentioned

relieves.

Preferably, the coupling between the needle and the piston is realized by a male-element, disposed on the front-end of the above-mentioned piston, so shaped to be fit in by the male coupling-element between cylinder and needle, and by a female element, carried by the needle inside of the female coupling-element cylinder-needle, in which the above-mentioned male element, carried by the piston, fixes itself, on the end of his forward-stroke in the inside of the cylinder.

This innovation will be now described according its preffered realization forms with particular reference to all the illustrations of the drawing enclosed in which:

Figure 1 is a first sight in vertical section of the syringe according the innovation;

Figure 2 is a second sight in vertical section of the syringe according the innovation;

Figure 3 is a third sight in vertical section of the syringe according the innovation; and

Figure 4 is a fourth sight in vertical section of the syringe according the innovation.

With reference to the drawing enclosed you can notice the syringe according the innovation including a cylinder 1 and a piston 2, coupled on the back-end of cylinder 1.

On the front-end, the cylinder 1 has a protusion, peforated, on which the needle 4 will be coupled.

Needle 4 has a coupling element 5, which inserts itself around the above-mentioned protusion 3, inside the above-mentioned coupling-element 5, the needle 4 has a female fixing-element 6.

The coupling between needle 4 and element 5 allows the needle itself to slid to the inside of the syringe.

On the piston 2 is a packing-element 7, through which protudes a male element 8 which can inserts itself through the protusion 3 and is able to couple

itself with the female element 6.

The above-mentioned male element 8 is coupled with a support 9, disposed below the above-mentioned packing-element 7.

5         Support 9 has, on its side, two elastic-elements 10 furnished with protuberances 11 which are coupled with corresponding openings, carried out on the lower terminal part of cylinder 1.

10         On the piston 2 are further more two longitudinal grooves provided corresponding with the above-mentioned protuberances.

15         The syringe according to the innovation, after having set the needle 4 in position on the protusion 3 and having sucked the liquid to infiltrate (figure 1) will be used for the injection according to the normal process.

When the piston 2 has arrived the end of his stroke and the injection is finished, it's enough to push the piston 2 slightly up to obtain the coupling between the female element 6 and the male element 8 (figure 2).

20         Bringing back the piston 2 along the cylinder 1, the needle 4 is drawn back into the inside of the cylinder, avoiding every other possible contact with the needle (figure 3).

25         The protuberances 11 couple themselves with the openings of the cylinder 1 blocking the support-structure 9 - male element 8 - needle 4 into the inside of cylinder 1 itself, so when the piston 2 removes up, the needle remains blocked in the inside of cylinder 1.

30         This innovation has been described with specific reference to some of his preferred forms of realization, but of course variation and/or modification can be made by experts of the branch without, for this, getting out of the relative sphere of the protection.

Claims

1. Syringe mon-use comprising the cylinder, open on the back-end, a piston, sliding inside of the above mentioned cylinder and a needle, able to be coupled with the front-end, on that cylinder by a male-coupling  
5 system, provided with the cylinder, female, provided with the needle, which consents the passing of the liquid from the cylinder to the needle, characterized by the fact that the above-mentioned needle is provided, on the back-end, corresponding with the above-mentioned  
10 female-coupling, of a further coupling-element for fixing and is so coupled with the above-mentioned female-element that it can slide towards the inside of the cylinder, and by the fact that, on the front-end of the above-mentioned piston, a fixing-coupling is  
15 provided, able to be coupled, when the piston arrives the end of his forward-stroke in the inside of the cylinder, with the above-mentioned further coupling-element for fixing of the needle, so to draw back the needle itself into the inside of the cylinder during  
20 its back-stroke.

2. Syringe according claim 1, where the above-mentioned fixing-coupling is disposed on the piston by a support provided with fastening craft on the lower  
25 terminal part of the inside wall of the cylinder so to avoid the possibility to re-extract the needle out of the cylinder.

3. Syringe according claim 2 where the above-mentioned fastening craft are constituted by two  
30 elastic wings, provided on the lower-side with relieves that are coupled with coinciding seats carried out on the wall of the cylinder.

35 4. Syringe according claims 2 or 3, where the above mentioned fixing-coupling support is disposed on the

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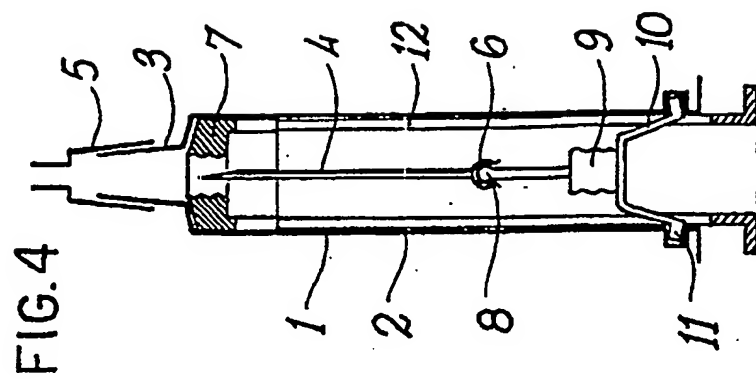
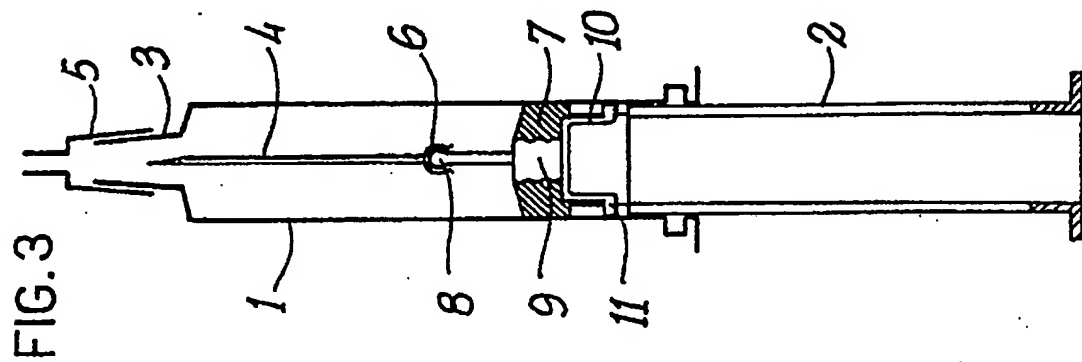
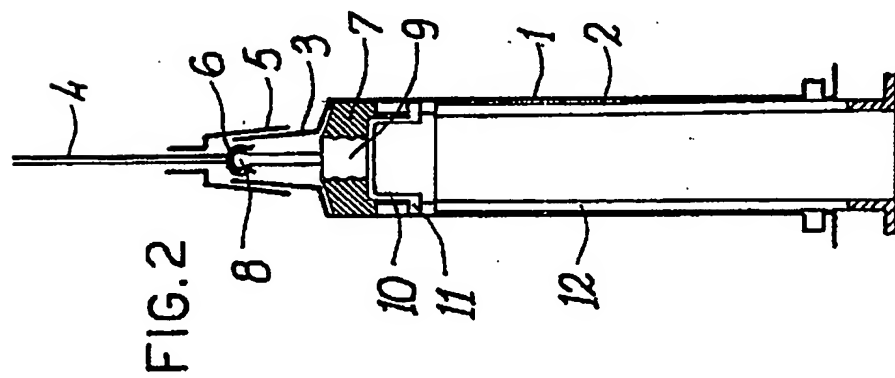
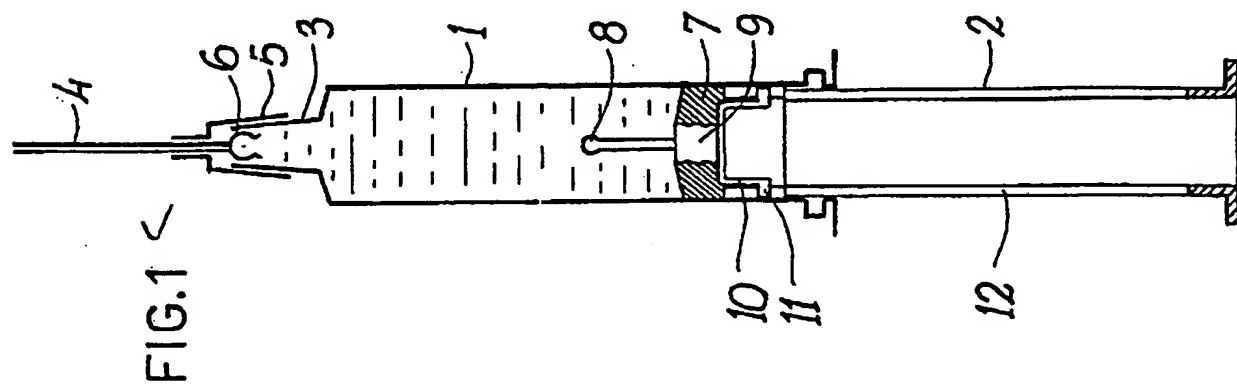
above-mentioned piston in an un-coupled wy, so that when the fixing with the inside wall of the cylinder has taken place, the piston slides up, leaving in fixed position the whole coupling-support for fixing the  
5 needle; the above-mentioned piston provided with external grooves, which consent the sliding over the above-mentioned fastening-craft.

5. Syringe according one of the previous claims  
10 where the coupling between needle and piston is realized by a male-element, disposed on the front-end of the above-mentioned piston, so shaped to be fit in by the male coupling-element between cylinder and needle, and by a female element, carried by the needle, inside the  
15 female-coupling element of the cylinder-needle, in which the above-mentioned male-element, carried by the piston, fixes itself on the end of his forward stroke in the inside of the cylinder.

20 6. Safety (security) syringe according all of the previous claims.



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